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1. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED PARAS 4 AND 6 BELOW INTRODUCED IN PPCC TODAY BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF G-77. COMMITTEE ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29.

2. IN LINE WITH POSITION PAPER USDEL CONSULTING WITH OTHER DCS IN EFFORT TO HAVE RES DEALING WITH AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (PARA 4) REFERRED BACK TO WFC OR TO HAVE ACTION DEFERRED IN SOME OTHER MANNER. HOWEVER, DRAFT RESOLUTION APPEARS TO HAVE FULL G-77 SUPPORT AND IT LIKELY THEY WILL PRESS FOR ITS ADOPTION HERE. UK AND FRG SAY THEY FIRMLY OPPOSED TO RESOLUTION BUT HAVE NO CLEAR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AS YET. OTHER DCS ALSO DISLIKE RESOLUTION BUT MOST WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT CONSENSUS PROCEDURE WITH SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATIONS OR EXPRESSION OF RESERVATIONS. DELEGATION REQUESTS CONTINGENCY INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WFC DRAFT RESOLUTION (PARA 5) WE UNDERSTAND IS RESULT
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OF BRAZIL'S ADAMANT POSITION IN G-77 MEETING LAST NIGHT

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AGAINST SUBMISSION OF LONG RESOLUTION CONTAINING ALL WFC AND PREPCOM RECOMMENDATIONS. USDEL WILL ATTEMPT MODIFY OPERATIVE PARA 2 THROUGH INSERTION OF "AGREED"BEFORE "RECOMMENDATIONS" OR SIMILAR FORMULA WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF FACT THAT NOT ALL WFC RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FULLY AGREED. UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS TO CONTRARY USDEL WILL JOIN CONSENSUS BUT WILL STATE RESERVATIONS RE "RECOMMZNDATIONS" IF ABOVE AMENDMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

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FOOD PROBLEMS

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND THE RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE CREATION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE REGIONAL BODIES,

RECALLING FURTHER PARAGRAPH 4 (F) OF RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE ON THE FULL CO-OPERATION WHICH SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL BODIES TO FORMULATE AND FOLLOW UP POLICIES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND THAT THESE BODIES BE SERVICED BY EXISTING UNITED NATIONS OR FAO BODIES IN THE REGION CONCERNED,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD IS THE REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THAT ITS FUNCTIONS AND MANDATE IN THE AFRICAN REGION ARE IN LINE WITH THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,

1. ENDORSES THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT WFC/L.8 ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT OF THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD (DOCUMENTS WFC/28 AND WFC/L.16);

2. REQUESTS ALL APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION, PARTICULARLY ECA, FAO, WFP, WHO, WMO AND UNDP TO INTENSIFY THEIR CO-OPERATION WITH THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTER-IAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD;

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3. REQUESTS ALL RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING IN AFRICA TO SERVICE AND FINANCE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, THE MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD AND THE THREE EXPERTS COMMITTEES, NAMELY THE FOOD SECURITY AND PROGRAMMES, THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WORKING IN THE AFRICAN REGION TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY MANDATE FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES TO ENABLE THEM TO FINANCE THE PROJECTS, TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR EXPERTISE AS REQUESTED BY THE AFRICAN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD;

5. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT AT THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

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FOOD PROBLEMS

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77

REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON ITS SECOND SESSION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

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RECALLING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3348 (XXIX), RESOLUTIONS 3601 (S-VI) AND 3602 (S-VI) ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND THE DECISIONS OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON ITS SECOND SESSION, /1 INCLUDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE GROUP OF 77 WHICH ARE REPRODUCED IN ANNEX II TO THAT REPORT, AS REQUESTED BY THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND ITS SECOND SESSION;

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2. REQUESTS ALL GOVERNMENTS AND THE APPROPRIATE BODIES AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AND TO IMPLEMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL;

3. DECIDES TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON ITS

SECOND SESSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION;

4. INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN DEALING WITH FOOD PROBLEMS.

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